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I am writing to register my opposition to the proposed settlement. I object most strongly to the continuation of the "Microsoft Tax" or the fees to Microsoft that are part of the purchase price of many, if not all, personal computer systems sold in the United States. Basically, the "settlement" is a sham since it does not absolutely prohibit the "percentage of sales" licensing schemes that Microsoft has used to force its software onto the public. PC hardware vendors such as Compaq, Dell, and Gateway should be required to offer a "no pre-installed software" option which completely avoids any costs for Microsoft licenses. However, I believe the (In)Justice Department currently is little more than an arm of giant corporations and right-wing extremists, so, in a way, it is fittingly ironic that the corruption of Justice results in the imposition of inferior software at inflated costs. In politics you get what you pay for, but in PC's you pay for what you get.

Thank you,
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